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SUBJ: WEO GROUP MEETING

1. FIRST ITEM DISCUSSED AT WEO GROUP MEETING 21 SEPT WAS WEO CANDIDACY FOR ECOSOC PRESIDENCY. FINLAND REAFFIRMED CANDIDACY OF FINNISH PERMREP KARHILO AND AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION THE GROUP ENDORSED HIS CANDIDATURE.

2. NETHERLANDS (VAN GORKOM) LED OFF DISCUSSION ON MEANS OF HANDLING ITEM 46 ON REVIEW AND APPRIASAL. HE SAID THAT WITHOUT QUESTION THERE MUST BE A SECOND READING OF THE GENEVA DRAFT IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS AND ADDED THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN A WORKING GROUP. HIS PROPOSAL FOR AN AD HOC OPEN WORKING GROUP TO MEET CONCURRENTLY WITH SECOND COMITE, POSSIBLY IN ECOSOC CHAMBER, WAS SUPPORTED BY CANADA AND SIX OTHER SPEAKERS. VAN GORKOM SAID THAT HE PLANS TO SUBMIT ADDITIONS IN FORM OF AMENDMENTS TO PRESENT DRAFT AND CLAIMED THAT THE GROUP OF 77 IS EAGER TO ENTER INTO WORKING GROUP IN ORDER TO FIND CONSENSUS. HE DOES NOT EXPECT POSITIONS TAKEN AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TO AFFECT GROUP ATTITUDES IN NY. FYI. VAN GORKOM ASSESSMENT OF GROUP OF 77 EAGERNESS FOR SECOND READING NOT HELD BY ALL DELS. IN PARTICULAR UK,
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AUSTRIA, AND SWITZERLAND COMMENTED PRIVATELY THAT SOME

ARE WILLING TO START WORKING GROUP ONLY TO ADD ADDITIONAL SECTIONS BUT NOT TO REDRAFT THE EXISTING PAPER.

3. THIRD COMITE EXPECTED TO HOLD ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION MONDAY PM AND BEGIN TWO-WEEK GENERAL DEBATE ON TUESDAY. SECOND COMITE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS ITEM ON SUDANO-SAHEL DROUGHT ON OCT 7 OR 8 AS UPPER VOLTAN PRESIDENT WILL THEN BE IN NY. THE SECT EXPECTS COMITE TWO THEN TO BEGIN DEBATE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. NETHERLANDS PROPOSED COMBINING ITEM 12 (ECOSOC REPORT) AND ITEM 46 ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL FOR PURPOSE OF GENERAL DEBATE.

4. REMAINDER OF MEETING DEVOTED TO DESULTORY DISCUSSION ON CANDIDACIES FOR ENLARGED ECOSOC AND UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL. CANADA, TURKEY, US, AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN STATED INTENTION TO PRESENT CANDIDACY FOR ECOSOC AND CANADA, MALTA, SWEDEN AND SPAIN PUT THEIR CANDIDACIES FORWARD FOR UNEP. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSED IN SUBSEQUENT WEO GROUP MEETINGS.
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